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Docket No. 4819-4748

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Aimo JARVINEN et al. Confirmation No.: 8669
Serial No.: 10/544,272 Group Art Unit: 1793
Filed: May 9, 2006 Examiner: Mark L. Shevin
For: METHOD FOR RECOVERY OF ZINC BY COUNTERCURRENT LEACHING

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Non-Final Official Action dated May 30, 2008, applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.7(a) when the last day to take action falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, action taken on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, *i.e.*, September 2, 2008, will be considered timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.